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SUBJECT: ROMANIA AND NON-ALIGNED

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1. RCPN ARTY SECRETARY STEFAN ANDREI (FOREIGN RELATIONS)
CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR MAY 7 THAT GOR HAD APPLIED FOR
OBSERVER STATUS AT MEETING ON FOREIGN MINISTERS
OF NON-ALIGNED STATES LATER THIS YEAR.

2. ANDREI ARGUED THIS WAS NATURAL, DEPITE ROMANIA'S WARSAW
PACT MEMBERSHIP, IN ORDER TO MANIFEST ROMANIA'S SOLIDARITY
WITH IDEAS NA'S ESPOUSED, NOTABLY NEW WORLD ECONOMIC
ORDER, AND ALSO TO REAFFIRM GOR'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH
ATTENDEES.

3. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE SOME NON-ALIGNED ENDORSED
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OR HAD NO OBJECTION TO GOR ATTENDANCE, OTHERS WERE

RESISTING IDEA, NOT BECAUSE THEY HAD ANYTHING AGAINST ROMANIA BUT BECAUSE PRECEDENT MIGHT BE SET FOR OTHER MORE "ALIGNED" NATIONS TO TRY TO ATTEND, EMBARRASSING NA MEMBERS WHOSE RELATIONS WITH LATTER MIGHT BE POOR. HE PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED ANY REACTION FROM THE SOVIETS ON THIS GOR INITIATIVE BUT ARGUED SOVIETS OUGHT TO BE HAPPY TO SEE ANOTHER SOCIALIST STATE REPRESENTED.

4. TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION WHETHER ANDREI THOUGHT ROMANIA'S INCREASINGLY EVIDENT ASSOCIATION WITH NON-ALIGNED MIGHT CREATE PROBLEMS IN US-GOR RELATIONS, ANDREI SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT, A SOLID LONG TERM BASIS FOR GOOD BILATERAL TIES HAVING BEEN LAID NOT SUBJECT TO "RANDOM" FACTORS. WHEN AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT RECENT RESOLUTIONS OF GROUP OF 77 PLUS ROMANIA, IF LITERALLY APPLIED HERE, WOULD GREATLY DISCOURAGE U.S. BUSINESS FROM DEALING IN ROMANIA, ANDREI MADE PITCH FOR NEW U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD THRID WORLD AND PROMISED TO TAKE UP SUBJECT IN DETAIL LATER WITH AMBASSADOR, ACKNOWLEDGING ITS IMPORTANCE FOR BOTH SIDES.

5. COMMENT: CURRENT GOR INITIATIVE NO DOUBT REFLECTED ALSO IN RESPONSE MAY 6 BY ION ILIESCU, POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATE MEMBER AND IASI JUDET FIRST SECRETARY, TO AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT THAT GOR SEEMED TO BE MOVING FURTHER TOWARD NON-ALIGNMENT: SAID ILIESCU, "ROMANIA IS NON-ALIGNED", (AFTER THIS WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THIS MEANT NOT FOLLOWING AUTOMATICALLY ANYONE ELSE'S LINE.)

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